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SUBJECT: REACTIN TO PANMUNJOM INCIDENT

REF: STATE 211862

1. LOCAL PRESS CARRIED AP, UPI AND LATIN REUTER REPORTS
OF INCIDENT AND SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS.

2. A "LA TERCERA" NEWSPAPER COLUMNIST ON AUGUST 23 ANALYZED
THE KOREAN SITUATION IN AN ARTICLE TITLED "KOREA: A POWDER
KEG SET TO EXPLODE IN A THOUSAND PIECES." THE ARTICLE NOTED
THAT TENSION BETWEEN THE TWO KOREAS IS UP TO THE HIGHEST
POINT SINCE THE PUEBLO INCIDENT. IT ADDS THAT THE COMMUNISTS,
"IN A HABITUAL FASHION," HAVE ACCUSED THE UN COMMAND OF
PROVOKING THE INCIDENT. "WHILE THE SOUTH HAS PROGRESSED IN
AN OUTSTANDING MANNER, THE NORTH HAS CONTINUED BEEFING UP
ITS MILITARY MIGHT FOR AN EVENTUAL INVASION OF THE SOUTH,"
THE ARTICLE CONTINUES. IT ACCUSES KIM IL SUNG OF PROMOTING
A "WAR OF EXPANSION" AGAINST THE SOUTH TO DETRACT FROM THE
NORTH'S "INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CONFLICTS" -- WHICH ARISE,
THE ARTICLE CONTENDS, FROM THE NORTH'S INABILITY TO PAY
ITS EXTERNAL DEBT, OBTAIN INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF ITS
IDEAS AND DEVELOP ITS SOCIALIST PROGRAM AT HOME.

3. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL COMMENT AND ONLY ONE PERSONAL
EXPRESSIO OF INTEREST FROM A GOVERNMENT (FOREIGN MINISTRY)
OFFICIAL. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE MURDERS HAVE HAD
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NO EFFECT ON THE GOC'S STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE USG ON THE

KOREAN ISSUE AT THE UN.
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